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From: Paul T Reed [MASTERANGLER@themasterangler.com]

Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 10:32 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Charles_Fedullo@gov.state.ak.us; Joe_Balish@gov.state.ak.us; Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Kim; Anna C (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Frye; Ivy J (GOV); John_Bitney@gov.state.ak.us; Clark; Christopher G (GOV); Colleen_Sullivan-Leonard@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: KTVA - A quirk in the law means two Alaskans are without dividends this year

Governor Palin, my name is Paul Reed and I live in Wasilla. I am retired Air Force as well as a retired State of Alaska employee. I am a 28 year Alaskan resident. I would appreciate you taking the time to read the linked article and look into the possibility of reviewing the allowable absences affected by this issue. Mine and my wife's PFD's have been denied and are now in appeal. I doubt I'll be able to win my appeal based on the way the allowances are written but I feel I am justified in requesting that it be reviewed. I realize that you are a very busy person so I have taken the liberty of copying this to several other possible interested parties. This was televised back in March and many folks have now been involved. Any and all assistance would be appreciated. Thank you in advance.

One more thing on a personal note – Madam Governor without question everyone I have spoken to is extremely proud to have you as governor. We here in Wasilla are extremely proud of you, the job you are doing and wish you continued success. You have given us back our dignity as a state. Thank you!

Paul T. Reed

http://www.ktva.com/iteam/ci_5557589

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From: Rutherford, Martha K (DNR) [marty.rutherford@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 4:55 PM

To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); 'govpalin@yahoo.com'

Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Katz; John W (GOV); Clark; Christopher G (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Persily; Larry A (GOV)

Subject: HOT! Issuing AGIA' Amended RFA & Press Release!

Governor,

As requested I want you to know that we are in the process of issuing the attached press release and simultaneously posting the amended RFA to the AGIA' website. The press release has been discussed with the COS, Joe Balash, the Lt. Governor and the two Commissioners. I also want to thank you for allowing the extension to the RFA application deadline. The Gasline Team believes this deadline extension to be absolutely necessary to ensure maximum participation in the AGIA' competitive process.
Marty R

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:51 AM
To: alaskayouthasresources@alaska.net
Subject: RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, August 05, 2007 3:53 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Mr. Beau Bassett

address: 3220 East 40th Ave Anchorage AK 99508

561-6630

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin is invited to come by, participate and join the rnlearning ! rnThank you. rnBeau rnrnMedia Release rnrnAugust 5, 2007 rnrnLocal Contact: rnRobert C. Beau Bassett rnMaster PYLI Trainer rn561-6630 rnalaskayouthasresources@alaska.net rnrnFor Immediate Release rn(Anchorage, Alaska) rnrnAlaskan Students Signed Up To Change The World rnrnThe following diverse students are signed up for the 10th annual Alaska rnPoints of Light Youth Leadership Institute sponsored by Friends of Alaska rnPYLI, Prudential Jack White Vista Real Estate and other Alaskan businesses. rnThis 5 day innovative community leadership training for young people age rn13-18 emphasizes skill development in leadership to serve the community and rnaddress serious social issues. PYLI is part of Prudential's national Spirit rnof Community Initiative and is in partnership with the Points of Light rnFoundation and the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals. rnrnThe Institute is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lyla rnRichards Room of the Student Union Building at the University of Alaska rnAnchorage. Community adults and media representatives are invited attend to rnhelp encourage the next generation of community leaders and to see them in rnaction. For more information about PYLI go to www.pyli.org rnrnAlaska PYLI Youth Participants rnrnName School rnrnSamantha A. Adams West High School rnMakerita Afuvai rnMiko Ambayec Highland Tech High School rnTia Andrus West High School rnChelsey Beardsley Romig Middle School rnCiera L. Bell East High School rnMissy Blake Bartlett High School rnRosie Bryson Steller Alternative rnJoy L. Chappell East High School rnSharifa Charles Eagle River High School rnEthan C. Cox East High School rnJames Crimp Steller Alternative rnMarcus Farquhar Mat-Su Career Tech Center rnKirill Frusin West High School rnAshleigh Gaines East High School rnCooper Galvin Steller Alternative rnAaron Green East High School rnBrenden K. Hernande!

z East High School rnLauren Heyano Polaris K-12 rnJohn J. (JC) Joson rnRebekah Kong Begich Middle School rnSunny Paj Yeeb Lee East High School rnAlexandra C. Lorentz Romig Middle School rnBrandi Raphael rnKirsten Rassler Raven Correspondence School rnRebecca

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alaskayouthasresources@alaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:36 AM
To: m.a.hamann@att.net
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2007 8:19 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Elizabeth Hamann

address: P. O. Box 498 Sutton AK 99674

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

This probably did not come up during your recent visit with our troops in Kuwait. There are a couple of issues affecting the moral of your deployed soldiers.

It seems the State of Alaska is more concerned with it's bottom line than the sacrifices it's deployed Guard members and their families have made. Certain guardsmen have been asked to attend schooling when they return instead of spending their 30 day leave with their families. You see, they will still be on the Federal payroll for those 30 days they are supposed to have with their families. My husband and others have refused to attend schooling, choosing instead to spend their family leave with their families. This will no doubt affect their promotions since they are being uncooperative.

The unit my husband is with is scheduled to return in October. Upon their return, they will first be stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Some of the soldiers would like to be released at Camp Shelby so they can spend time with their families in the lower 48. They are being told that they will have to return to Alaska before they will be released. The officials want to have a "mandatory" homecoming celebration. Who is this celebration supposed to be for? The soldiers or the officials? What will it hurt if some of the soldiers aren't here to attend their celebration?

As Commander in Chief of the Alaska National Guard, I am hoping there is something you can do to help. I would appreciate it if someone from your office could contact me regarding these issues. My home number is 746-5358.

Regards,

Elizabeth Hamann

m.a.hamann@att.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:34 AM
To: archie.hennessey@us.army.mil
Subject: RE: US ARMY Medical Board

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: archie.hennessey@us.army.mil [mailto:archie.hennessey@us.army.mil]

Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2007 7:30 PM

To: famradio@familyradio.com; troman@theprovider.com; noticiasz@juno.com; dmoye@flashnews.com; terry@catholicradio.com; acole@marketwatch.com; timmer@premrad.com; gdavis@businesstalkradio.net; isabel@hrn.org; danc@igc.org; jdvorkin@npr.org; cochs@ap.org; space@voa.gov; wrestrepo@radiounica.com; ed@forthepeople.org; cesar.orozco@turner.com; yourtwc@mindspring.com; ken.pauli@turner.com; tommydouglas@pgatourradio.com; donmills@calvarychapel.com; mgentzkow@1on1sports.com; ksiv@bottradio.net; tommartin@worldradio.org; crn@clark.net; huff@libertyworksradio.com; staff@talkamerica.com

Subject: US ARMY Medical Board

I started considering joining the US Army after hearing President Bush stating we needed more volunteers to win the war against terrorism. My wife and I discussed closing down our contracting company in Tucson, Arizona, to do our part to make the world a safer place for our daughter to grow up in. We decided we would join the Army only if President Bush won his re-election, for I did not want to fight and die, if necessary, under a country governed by Candidate John Kerry. We believed in President George W Bush and would do our part and follow him to whatever end necessary. So in November 2004 I enlisted, after hearing President Bush won the re-election.

After about a year in the army, I decided that I wanted to join the US Army Special Forces. I submitted my application and started my training. I finally left for Special Forces selection to hopefully become a Green Beret. While moving a bundle of re-bar with more than 50 other soldiers, one of the soldiers in front of me tripped and the rebar crushed me against the ground. I had pain in my back, shooting down my right leg, with weakness, and lost control of my bladder. At first I thought to myself, looks like it will take a month or two to heal up from this one. But after 5-6 months, of pain killers, and every medical test the army could image, I was still in no shape to perform even the simplest of tasks. Sometimes I would see a new doctor, and there first response would be to tell me I need to be medically boarded. So I made a list and made sure I did not return to see any doctors that wanted to med board me out of the military immediately. But after 8 to 9 months with no marked improvement, I met with the only doctor that really cared about what happened to me. We discussed that it was finally time and in my best interest to go through a medical board. At my present state, I was a liability to my unit, so I reluctantly agreed. Up until this point, I was not mad, angry or upset in any way that I had been hurt. I always thought, "Well things could be worse, I at least have all my limbs and I am still alive." As the medical board initiated, there was a procedural briefing, as there is for everything in the military. I don't remember all that was said, but the main point of the brief was that practically everyone being medically boarded would either get 0, 10 or 20% disability. Looking back, I now see they were starting the rationalizing process of not taking care of wounded soldiers. Next in

the medical board process I remember meeting with the medical board doctor, in Heidelberg Germany. We met for about 30 minutes, which was mostly history taking and then performing a few tests. The next step was meeting with the Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer (PEBLO). He wanted me to look over and sign the doctor's findings, which to me was a bunch of medical mumbo-jumbo, but stated lower back injury in the line of duty. So I signed. At this point I still had blind faith that I could trust in the US army, and my country, to do the right thing. What I did not realize was that this was that really eerie calm when the air stands still, right before the storm that rips your house to shreds hits. A little more than a week later, the PEBLO called me in for the medical board disability determining meeting. I was very sad to leave the army, but at that point I still had blind pride for serving in what I still thought was the greatest army, protecting the greatest nation in the world. But as I said, Mother Nature seems at it most beautiful right before she unleashes her greatest wraith. I sat down with the PEBLO and I could immediately tell he had bad news and did not want to relay the message. The PEBLO stated the medical board findings are separation with 10% disability. I was very upset. The PEBLO inquired what did you expected from the army; you have only invested 3 years. I expressed that I expected the Army to do the right thing, that I never questioned an order; I went where they told me to go, always strived to be a better soldier and to help those in need. I said, "I expected to fight and die for my country if necessary, and I expected that my country would take care of me and my family if the need was to arise." But now I am starting to see that the army is a business of the government, just like any other doing damage control. And like a used car salesman, the PEBLO tried to get me to sign the papers giving me a severance check of a little over $9000 after taxes. In the last 11 months I have been able to work less than 60 days at no more than 4 hours per day. That was only because I begged the doctors to send me back to work, so I could be around my fellow soldiers. Although most days at work, all I could do was lay on the floor in pain, but I was happy for the human contact. So, I asked the PEBLO, "If I need a cane to walk, my permanent profile states, for the next 5 years, that I can work no more than 4 hours per day, stand for 10 minutes max and lift no more than 10 pounds; what type of company is going to hire me, and how am I going to support my wife and child?" The PEBLO stated there was nothing he could do about it; he was just the messenger for the medical board. We could try to fight at an official board hearing but we ran the risk of losing the 10%. As if a onetime payment of $9,000 is even going to make a dent in my future medical care, let alone assist in supporting my family at all. It is like the army is saying, "Thanks for your service, sorry you got hurt, hear is a used car that is not going to run for you."

So I elected to go to Washington DC to present my case to the medical board in person. I thought to myself, once I met with the board and they see me as a real wounded soldier, not just a number on a piece of paper, the board would do the right thing and give me at least a 30% disability. 30% is the magic number where I would be medically retired, and therefore have medical coverage for myself and my family. However, anything below 30% would just be a severance check of a little more than $9000 after taxes.

The paperwork that was given to me for the formal hearing stated I needed to contact my legal counsel IMMEDIATELY. So I called the number given, and asked to speak to my legal counsel, as I only had 13 days prior to the hearing. I needed to prepare my case, gather any further information the lawyer needed and travel from Heidelberg Germany to Washington DC. I knew it would be tough, but I had no idea how tough it was about to get.

When I called the number given, a specialist answered the phone, and informed me that they were so back logged with cases, that my legal counsel would not be assigned until 7 days before my hearing. I explained to him that I was coming from the other side of the world and I needed to speak with counsel to be able to adequately prepare. Once again he told me legal counsel would not be assigned until 7 days prior to the hearing. I asked to speak with his supervisor, and he told me a Staff Sergeant would return my phone call. Even though I called and e-mailed daily, I never got a response until Monday July 23 @ 1930, 7 days prior to my medical board. The lawyer told me to fax him all paperwork I had, and to plan on discussing my case on Wednesday July 25. I tried to contact my lawyer on July 24, after he e-mailed me a very confusing correspondence. We talked initially at approx 2130, and he told me he would try to call back later that night. At about 2330, he called stating he was still in the meeting and we would talk Wednesday 25 July. Wednesday, at approx 1930, my lawyer informed me that the medical board wanted another medical test performed. I explained to him, that because of the difference in time, everything was already closed, and I was leaving at 0630 the very next morning to go to DC to meet with him and the medical board. He stated he would get back with me regarding the medical test, which never happened prior to leaving for DC.

I arrived in Washington, DC on 26 July. Met with my lawyer 27 July, the board was scheduled for Monday, 30 July, but due to weather conditions, my lawyer's plane was delayed, and so the board had to be rescheduled for the 31 July. I had the requested medical procedure that morning (31 July), and a little after 1300 that afternoon, I met with the board. The board was made up of 2 officers and a Medical Doctor, all of whom seemed very fair and impartial. Testifying to the board was the single hardest thing I have done in my life. The lawyer said I needed to testify to the effects that the injury has had on my overall daily living, work abilities and even my sexual life. Also, he wanted my wife to testify, as she is the only person with the personal knowledge of this medical condition. At first I really did not think much about it, but then as I started testifying as how I was not able to please my wife any longer, somehow the reality hit me all at once, and I broke down crying. It took me a few minutes to recover and the lawyer asked me if I wanted to skip it and move on to a different subject; I continued because I knew the medical board could not rate my disability properly if they did not understand all the medical impairments I have been having since the accident. When my wife testified, hearing her say that it was not possible for me to satisfy her since the accident, it ripped my heart out of my chest. Now, in hind sight, I realize that there was no reason to have gone through all of this. It seemed to me the decision was already made at a higher level than the medical board, before we even went to the board. We adjourned and went out into a waiting room to wait for the board to make its final decision. We were called back into the room, in about 30 minutes time, by one of the board members to receive the medical board decision. What I still did not realize is this would be the last time I would salute an officer and get that feeling inside like I was one of the greatest soldiers, in the greatest army, serving the greatest nation. In a matter of less than 5 minutes, I would come to find out I was just a number on a piece of paper, and the only thing that was considered great was the almighty dollar, and the bottom line. I was told by the board that they had to follow the rules of their higher Head Quarters. In my case, they could not use the Army Regulation (which is what my lawyer believed was the legal document that applied to my case, and built my case upon) to rate my disability, but instead would have to use the VASRD. That left my disability rating at 10%.

The really strange thing is that I had no anger towards the board members, as I saw they have served their country honorably for many more years than I. I only felt great sorrow in my heart to see these honorable men having to try and rationalize the idea of not taking care of our wounded soldiers, our brother in arms, after they have followed every order given, and done everything ever asked of them without question. I realized that I may be the luckiest person alive. I was not, nor will I ever have to, rationalize short changing a US soldier that has served his country, especially after joining in a time of war, just to save a dollar. My grandfather always said, "The true measure of a man is doing the right thing, when the wrong thing is what everyone wants you to do."

I am sending this letter to Senator McCain, the White House and the press in hopes that if you print it, it may open the eyes of our government officials, and change can occur to help our future veterans- to- be, who so honorably server our all volunteer army in this time of war.

The only way currently we will be helped is if the PEB or USAPDA is forced to use the AR 635-40 to govern our case, as we believe it should be. We welcome Senator McCain, any affiates of the White House or any press interested in helping us with this cause, to contact us. We will be glad to supply you with further information needed. Currently, the European Stars and Stripes newspaper has run a preliminary article on July 22, 2007.

Thank you,

SGT Archie Hennessey

SGT Archie Hennessey: 520-829-9171 (stateside phone # - will ring in Heidelberg, GE)

Or e-mail at: archie.hennessey@us.army.mil

PEBLO: Heidelberg, Germany - Mr Iulian Marcu - 011-49-(0)6221-17-2367 or email at: iulian.marcu@us.army.mil

PEB: Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, DC - Mr Martin - 202-782-7716 or email at: wayne.martin@na.amedd.army.mil

JAG: Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, DC - 202-782-1550 or e-mail at: soldierscounsel@na.amedd.army.mil

Senator John McCain: 202-224-2235 or e-mail via website: mccain.senate.gov

White House comments #: 202-456-1111 or e-mail: comments@whitehouse.gov

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:20 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Tuesday, 08.07.07

Where is the mtg? I thot I'd be stopping there on my way in from wasilla, but come to think of it I dont know where it is. Also, do u know if anyone's got an agenda or trhe speech for that event yet?

------Original Message------

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Aug 6, 2007 9:16 AM

Subject: RE: Tuesday, 08.07.07

Governor - Commissioner Karleen Jackson asked if she could ride with you from the Global Tempest Exercise remarks tomorrow, Tuesday, 08.07 a.m. to the AK Native Health Board Mega Meeting. After the Mega Meeting the Commissioner can then ride back to the Atwood Bldg. and leave from there. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 8:59 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: Today

I'm touring new vo-tech school in palmer right now, forgot to ask u to put on schedule... doing it today bc I wont be here for their official tour with Sen.Murkowski on thrusday

Sent from my BlackBerry(r) device from Cellular One

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:17 AM
To: michael.cortez1@us.army.mil
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2007 10:56 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Michael Cortez

address: 10219 Caribou St Eagle River AK 99577

907 694 5181

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,rnrnI would like to thank you for visiting us in Kuwait. As a voter and a member of the Alaska Army National Guard it means a lot. The reason I write to you is there are many soldiers with us traditional Alaskans on this deployment that are from other states with whom we could'nt have done this mission without. I have been informed that we are not able to recognize their service on behalf of the state because we are Title 10 Active Duty. I would ask that you consider a token of appreciation from your office to those soldiers who served on this deployment from other states. I have a soldier who was called to Active Duty from the Inactive Ready Reserve and was assigned to us. His outstanding service with "The Alaskans" was extremely appreciated and greatly added to our mission success. His name is SSG John Nason. 117 East Thomson Drive Clyde, OH 43410. His wife's name is Tracy. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. SFC !

Michael M. Cortez

michael.cortez1@us.army.mil

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:13 AM
To: rambo@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2007 12:46 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Kathy Thompson

address: PO Box 298634 Wasilla AK 99629

907-892-5084

MESSAGE:

I have lived and fished in the Mat-su area for about 16 years. I am a part-time guide, mainly on the Little Susitna River.

I have never, never seen such poor fishing as we are experiencing now. The fish simply are not in the rivers, other than a scant few. Yesterday, I fished on the Little Su at the confluence of Nancy Lake Creek. The normal time for the sockeye to show up in large numbers in that confluence is around July 25. By August 1st the waters there are filled with sockeye, with silvers showing up. This happens every year, without fail. So many fish you can see them circling and swimming. Yesterday, August 3rd, there were so few fish it was unbelievable. No silvers whatsoever. A few chum, and a rare sockeye. It saddens and angers me to see this devastation of the run.

I hear excuses, such as low water (I've seen the water far, far lower....that never stopped the fish), a late run, etc. I do not believe any of that. I believe the commercial fishermen with their gillnets are being allowed to monopolize the fish, leaving virtually nothing for anglers and guides. I hear the commercial people saying they aren't getting many fish either. I don't know if I believe that. Regardless, whatever number they are getting is way too many, as evidenced by the absence of fish upriver. Will there even be enough fish to spawn for the future returns?

Please don't allow this devastation to continue. The private anglers are going home

empty-handed, frustrated and puzzled. The beauty of our salmon runs up the rivers is indescribable. The loss of those runs is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Kathy Thompson

rambo@mtaonline.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:10 AM
To: martha.cervantes@nana.com
Subject: RE: Homeland_Security

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, August 03, 2007 2:44 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Homeland_Security

Web mail from: Martha Cervantes

address: 12901 Hace St. Anchorage AK 99515

907 344-3296

MESSAGE:

Governor - you visited the Alaska National Guard in Kuwait recently. My brother, Sgt. 1st Class Ticket, Floyd from Buckland is there.rnrnI would like to know, if you know, when they are coming home. I heard they were going to back to Camp Shelby before coming home to Alaska.rnrnIt would be nice to know as we are anxiously waiting for his return.rnrnThank you.

martha.cervantes@nana.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:04 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: Boards_and_Commissions

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, August 03, 2007 6:57 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Boards_and_Commissions

Web mail from: Kermit Ketchum

address: HC 36 Box 2955 Wasilla AK 99654

(907) 376-5840

MESSAGE:

Sarah;rnrnI've sent this email to your mtaonline address but I don't know if you still read email there or not so am sending this to your official email address.rn rnI've called Kris and sent her an email but don't know if she has received the email or been able to listen to her voice mail on this subject.rn rnI'm trying to schedule a meeting of the Local Boundary Commission sometime towards the end of August.rn rnthe proposed Agenda is rn rn· Orientation of new Commissioners;rn 1. Address by Vic Fisherrn 2. Address by Governor Palinrn· Policy direction for 2007 annual report;rn· Revision of Commission Bylaws.rn rnI have invited Vic Fisher to address the Commissioners to give his vision on what the founders had in mind when formulating Article X of the Constitution and the requirements of the Local Boundary Commission. He has responded and indicated he would be available to attend from the 28th to the 31st of August. rn rnI !

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Cc: Anders; Bruce F (DNR)
Subject: Ppt

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The most important thing, they say, is for us to not vacillate - instead I think they want us to be insistent because they're willing to follow. Makes sense.

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 10:04 AM
To: kcfish1@gci.net
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:52 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Carole Guffey

address: 3421 West 31st Ave. Anchorage AK 99517

907-243-3915

MESSAGE:

This email was sent to the office of the Commissioner of Fish & Game.rnrnWe are senior citizens who have Tier II caribou permits for Unit 13, which we have hunted since 1964. This year we are faced with misinformation/interpretation of the rules in the printed application and the Hunting regulations book for Tier II. A representative of Fish & Game at Glenallen, Mr. Toebe (Tobey?) told the air taxi operator we contacted that he will ticket any airplane that flies hunters/meat and that aircraft may not be used on navigable waterways, in opposition to the following:rnrnQuoted from the Tier II Subsistence Permit Transfer Form and also from the newspaper Tier II applications and the hunting regulations distributed to the public:rnrn"Unit 13 Tier II Moose and CaribournrnThe use of any off-road vehicle** over 1500 lbs., or any aircraft, for Tier II moose and caribou hunting in Game Management Unit 13, including the transportation of moose and caribou hunters, their!

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Thanks Cora. We'll need to wrap up these choices soon - Tibs and I can discuss before or after cabinet mtg this week. Thanks!

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Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 13:21:18

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Frye, Ivy J (GOV)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

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Cc:"Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

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Marty

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Subject: Other

Web mail from: Rand Gaynor

address: 4701 Redoubt Dr. Wasilla AK 99654

907 343-8279

MESSAGE:

Honorable Governor Palin:rnI'm writing representing the Alaska Chapter of the American Public Works Association. We have in the past held summer picnic luncheon style Chapter meetings that are sponsored by the City of Wasilla and we are planning another. You have attended these in the past so you know the City of Wasilla folks put on a great picnic. We would very much like to extend an invitation for you to be our honored guest at one of our future meetings. We have not set a date,we would want to coordinate our meeting schedule for a time when you are already in your home town. A likely time would be any time later in August. If that is too soon, or doesn't work out maybe next summer. If a non-summer date works best we could schedule a for venue that is not weather dependent. Thanks and have a great day being our great governor.rnRand GaynorrnPresidentrnAlaska Chapter rnAPWA

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Where is the mtg? I thot I'd be stopping there on my way in from wasilla, but come to think of it I dont know where it is. Also, do u know if anyone's got an agenda or trhe speech for that event yet?

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Subject: RE: Update Agency Assist Plane Crash Sitka 07-67044

Unofficial update came in from Homeland Security folks out of Anchorage. They indicated 4 persons dead in the latest report. I will keep you apprised if I get any other info.

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
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Update 1437 hrs

Trp. Kuzakin advises per FAA the aircraft is a twin Engine Piper Malibu with 5 persons on board. The Sitka Fire Dept, USCG, Sitka Police, Sitka AWT and Academy staff on scene. The aircraft crashed

into a house, both the plane and house are burning at this time.

Case # assigned for agency assist 07-67044

From: Hall, Carolyn S (DPS)
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 1:34 PM
To: 'comm_notif_ast@dps.state.ak.us'
Subject:

Commissioner's Notification

NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Date: 8/6/07
Time: 1307 hrs

Case Number: None

Subject: Plane Crash

Post: Sitka AWT

Synopsis: Trp's report a twin engine otter on wheels crashed into a residential area above the ANB Boat Harbor in Sitka. AWT Trooper and Troopers from Public Safety Academy are responding to assist Sitka Police and Fire Departments

Assigned Trooper: SRK1

Updates to follow.

CSHO/Juneau AWT

Carolyn S. Hall

Administrative Assistant

Alaska Wildlife Troopers

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Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 09:26:47

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Running with the Bulls...

Nice job governor! How fun!

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 4:55 PM

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 2:27 PM
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Subject: RE: New Directors of Wildlife Conservation and Sport Fish

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Swanton was reco'd by someone else, not Andy Couch... but that's still ok. Sounds like everone's on the same page with Swanton? Dont know what kenai comm fish guys will say - but I assume it's good to go with Swanton.

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Commissioner

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 10:01 AM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Homeland_Security

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 6:00 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Homeland_Security

Web mail from: Mr. David Bounds

address: 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, S.W. Suite 8027 Washington DC 20024

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MESSAGE:

Are you searching for a way to make sure state benefits are going to those that are authorized and not to those that are not?rnMaybe the SAVE Program would be of interest to you.rnrnSystematic Alien Verification for Entitlements rn(SAVE) ProgramrnrnThe Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program is responsible for administering programs involving customer access to information contained in the Verification Information System (VIS) database. This database is a nationally accessible database of selected immigration status information on over 60 million records.rnrnThe SAVE Program enables Federal, state, and local government agencies and licensing bureaus to obtain immigration status information they need in order to determine a non-citizen applicant's eligibility for many public benefits. The Program also administers employment verification pilot programs that enable employers to quickly and easily verify the work authorization of their newly hired employees!

.rnrnImmigration Status Verification for Benefit Issuing AgenciesrnrnThe Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program is an intergovernmental information-sharing initiative designed to aid eligibility workers in determining a non-citizen applicant's immigration status, and thereby ensure that only entitled non-citizen applicants receive Federal, state, or local public benefits and licenses. The SAVE Program is an information service for benefit issuing agencies, institutions, licensing bureaus, and other entities. The SAVE Program does not make determinations on any non-citizen applicant's eligibility for a specific benefit or license.rnrnLegal BasisrnrnCongress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603, which required the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (now Department of Homeland Security (DHS), effective March 1, 2003) to establish a system for verifying the immigration status of non-citizen applicants for, an!

d recipients of, certain types of federally funded benefits, !

and to make the system available to Federal, state, and local benefit issuing agencies and institutions that administer such benefits. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

(USCIS) is the DHS agency responsible for administering the SAVE Program. The IRCA, as amended, mandates the following programs and overseeing agencies to participate in the verification of an applicant's immigration status: the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program, the Medicaid Program, and certain Territorial Assistance Programs (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services); the Unemployment Compensation Program (U.S. Department of Labor); Title IV Educational Assistance Programs (U.S. Department of Education); and certain Housing Assistance Programs (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development).rnrnThe Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), P.L. 104-193, 110 Stat. 2168, also required that the Attorney General establish regulations an!

d interim guidance for the verification of immigration status of persons applying for "Federal public benefits". The Department of Justice issued interim guidance in 1997. See "Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility Under Title IV of [PRWORA]", 62 Federal Register 6,344-02 (Nov. 17, 1997). This guidance is for any entity administering a non-exempt Federal public benefit, other than non-profit charitable organizations, and is not limited to the agencies and programs specified in IRCA.rnrnThe PRWORA created a very complex set of eligibility requirements that cannot be easily summarized. These requirements continue to be regularly amended by Congress. The PRWORA did not affirmatively make any person eligible for any benefit. Rather, it placed a new set of limitations on non-citizen eligibility on top of any program-specific requirements (some of which may have limited non-citizen eligibility). With certain exceptions, PRWORA made!

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is being withheld under Section 243(h) of the INA (as in effect prior to April 1, 1997) or whose removal has been withheld under Section 241(b)(3); rnan alien who is granted conditional entry pursuant to Section 203(a)(7) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1980; rnan alien who is a Cuban/Haitian Entrant as defined by Section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980; and rnan alien who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty, or whose child or parent has been battered or subject to extreme cruelty. rnThe PRWORA restrictions do not apply to all Federal, state, and local funded activities or programs; they apply only to non-exempt "Federal public benefits" and "state and local public benefits." Therefore, benefit providers should first determine whether the particular program they administer is providing a "Federal public benefit" or a "state and local public benefit" for which Title IV of PRWORA or other a!

pplied laws requires non-citizen eligibility. For example, em!

ergency medical care and certain forms of disaster relief are exempt, as are other key benefits. If an agency requires further assistance in determining whether a specific benefit it administers is a Federal, state, or local public benefit, it should contact the overseeing Federal, state, or local Government agency, as that agency would be in the best position to make that determination.rnrnWith certain exceptions, the PRWORA defines "Federal public benefit" as:rnrnany grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States; and rnany retirement, welfare, disability, public or assisted housing, post-secondary education, food assistance, unemployment benefit, or any other similar benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to an individual, household, or family eligibility unit by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States. !

rnThe PRWORA's definition of "state and local public benefit" parallels the definition of Federal public benefit, except that it substitutes "state or local government" for "the United States." State or local public benefits do not include Federal public benefits; therefore, a benefit cannot meet both definitions. If a benefit qualifies as a "Federal public benefit," it is not a "state or local public benefit" regardless of whether state or local funding is also involved.rnrnThe IIRIRA requires the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, now Department of Homeland Security, to respond to inquiries by Federal, state, and local benefit issuing agencies and institutions seeking to verify or determine the citizenship or immigration status of any individual within the jurisdiction of the agency for any lawful purpose. The SAVE Program's automated and manual verification processes provide Federal, state, and local benefit is!

suing agencies and institutions with information which will a!

ssist them in determining an individual's eligibility under Title IV of PRWORA.rnrnThe REAL ID Act of 2005, Division B of Public Law 109-13, May 11, 2005, established certain minimum standards for the issuance of state-issued driver's licenses and state-issued identification cards in order for those documents to be acceptable for Federal purposes. To meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act, by May 11, 2008, states must, among other things, verify the lawful status of every driver's license and identification card applicant. Section 202(a) of the Act prohibits federal agencies from accepting for any official purpose after May 11, 2008, driver's licenses and identification cards issued by States not in compliance with the Act.rnrnSection 202(c)(3)(C) of the Act mandates that all States enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the SAVE Program by September 11, 2005. The Act also requires that states be in full compliance by May 2008, in order to have their state-issued dr!

iver's licenses and state-issued identification cards recognized by the Federal government for official purposes. One provision is the routine verification of lawful status through the SAVE Program of all non-citizen applicants for a driver's license or state-issued identification card.rnrnOther Agency SAVE Program ParticipantsrnrnWhile IRCA, as amended, only mandates selected programs to participate in SAVE, any Federal, state, or local benefit-granting authority or licensing bureau that requires verification of an applicant's/recipient's immigration status may apply for participation in the SAVE Program. The following are examples of agencies that presently participate in the SAVE Program with respect to non-mandated programs:rnrnDepartment of Defense Manpower Data CenterrnSocial Security Administration (SSA)rnDriver's Licensing Agencies in Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, South Dakota, Virginia, a!

nd WyomingrnMohegan Tribal Gaming CommissionrnCity of New Yor!

k Human Resources AdministrationrnPalm Beach County Property AppraiserrnTransportation Security Administration, HAZMAT ProgramrnOffice of Personnel ManagementrnFederal Protective ServicernrnStatus Verification ProcessrnrnVerification Information System (VIS), Customer Processing System (CPS)rnrnThe SAVE Program has reengineered the way it delivers immigration status verification information to Federal, state, and local benefit issuing agencies and licensing bureaus. This allows the user to make faster benefit eligibility determinations, which can result in cost savings to the Government and better service.rnrnAvailable Access MethodsrnrnVIS-CPS Web 1rnrnOnce VIS-CPS Web 1 is accessed, the user enters the non-citizen's A-number to do the initial query against the VIS database, and within seconds, the system will respond with the non-citizen's immigration status/employment eligibility statement or a system message to "Institute Additional Verification." If the non-ci!

tizen's immigration status/employment eligibility statement is returned and no material discrepancies exist between the information returned from the VIS database and that on the non-citizen's immigration document, the verification is complete. The user can print the verification case data for its records, and close the case to remove it from its workload. When a user receives the "Institute Additional Verification" message or when material discrepancies exist between the immigration document, the user is provided a data entry screen to submit additional information electronically from the non-citizen's immigration document to an Immigration Status Verifier (ISV) for processing. Upon receipt of this information, the ISV processes the request for status verification and electronically transmits the results to the User Agency. Internet access and a supported web browser (Internet Explorer 5.5 or newer, or Netscape 4.7 or newer, but not Netscape

7.0) are required to a!

ccess the VIS-CPS database using the Web 1 access method. the!

Web 1 access method establishes a secure Internet connection to VIS-CPS.rnrnVIS-CPS Web 2rnrnVIS-CPS Web 2 is very similar to VIS-CPS Web 1 except that the User Agency must enter the additional information from the non-citizen's immigration document up-front with the initial query. This includes the non-citizen's A-Number, first, middle, and last names, date of birth, user case number, and the immigration document type and its expiration date. If the non-citizen's immigration status can be verified through the VIS database, the system will provide the status to the user within seconds. If the non-citizen's status cannot be verified through the VIS database and additional verification is required it is automatically electronically sent to an ISV for processing. The ISV retrieves and responds to the additional verification request the same way as they do for VIS-CPS Web 1. VIS-CPS Web 2 also allows a user to request additional verification when material discrepancies exist be!

tween the information returned from the VIS database and that on the non-citizen's immigration document. As with Web 1, Internet access and a supported web browser (Internet Explorer 5.5 or newer, or Netscape 4.7 or newer, but not Netscape 7.0) are also required to access the VIS-CPS database using Web 2. The Web 2 access method also establishes a secure Internet connection to VIS-CPS.rnrnVIS-CPS Web 3rnrnVIS-CPS Web 3 is also very similar to VIS-CPS Web 1. The only difference is that the user can run initial queries using A-Numbers or I-94 Arrival/Departure Numbers. The additional verification process works exactly the same as with VIS-CPS Web 1. Internet access and a supported web browser (Internet Explorer 5.5 or newer, or Netscape 4.7 or newer, but not Netscape 7.0) are also required to access the VIS-CPS database using Web 3. The Web 3 access method also establishes a secure Internet connection to VIS-CPS.rnrnVIS-CPS SFTP Priority BatchrnrnVIS-CPS Secure File Transfer P!

rotocol (SFTP) Priority Batch is another access method curren!

tly available and is a computer match between the VIS database and the User Agency and is only available to very high-volume users. Batch is similar to PC System 2 in that if the applicant's immigration status cannot be provided by the VIS database in the initial computer match, the additional verification request is automatically elecronically sent to an ISV for processing. The ISV then retrieves and responds to the additional verification request the same as he or she does for all other VIS access methods, and the results file is transmitted back to the User Agency during the next hourly computer match upload. VIS-CPS SFTP Priority Batch requires Internet access, SFTP connectivity, and custom software for formatting queries and interpreting the output file.rnrnVIS-CPS Web ServicesrnrnVIS-CPS Web Services is the last available access method and functions like VIS-CPS Web 1 and 3. It allows user agencies to submit initial queries by A# or I# and to request additional verific!

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REQUIRED rnWeb-Based Initial Verification - $0.26rn(Web
1, 2, and 3) Additional Verification - Additional $0.48
Personal Computer with Internet Access and rn
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a supported web browser (Internet

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ablish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SAVE Program, and then establish a purchase order with the SAVE Program contractor to pay for VIS-CPS transaction fees. Access to SAVE is subject to USCIS resource limitations or other legal or policy criteria. To request participation in SAVE and to begin the MOU process, please access the following website to register: https://www.vis-dhs.com/agencyregistrationrnrnFor more information on the SAVE Program at 1-202-358-7855.rnrnReducing the chance of non-eligible's obtaining state benefits and making sure they are going to those that are authorized is difficult. We are ready to help make that easier.rnPlease feel free to contact us if you have additional questions, would like to attend an Internet based Webinar, or face-to-face meeting.rnrnDavid H. BoundsrnUSCIS/NSRV/VERrnSystematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE)rnProgram Chiefrn490 L'Enfant Plaza East, S.W. Suite 8027rnWashington, DC 20024-2135rn202-358-7807

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Subject: RE: HOT! Issuing AGIA' Amended RFA & Press Release!

The Commissioners of Natural Resources and Revenue today issued a revised Request for AGIA Applications. The deadline for AGIA Applications has been extended to November 30. The new deadline responds to requests from several prospective participants for more time to prepare applications. The new deadline still allows the Commissioners to analyze the applications, take comments from the public and deliver their Notice of Intent to Award and Findings to the Legislature during its regular session.

After AGIA passed, representatives of the gasline team made a significant effort to reach out to a broad array of prospective applicants to make them aware of the opportunity presented by AGIA. Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell , who participated in the outreach efforts, noted that they "generated interest amongst potential new participants and it is in the state's interest to make reasonable accommodations to secure maximum participation."

In addition to the deadline change, the RFA was also modified to respond to several issues identified through the RFA Inquiries website. The Amended RFA includes information that should help interested parties prepare complete applications that comply with the requirements established by the Legislature in AGIA. The Amended RFA is available on-line at the AGIA documents website http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/agia/index.htm in both a format that shows the changes and a clean version.

The issues identified through the website by prospective applicants demonstrate that they have thoroughly read the RFA and are seriously interested in providing responsive Applications. The AGIA process continues to progress towards the goal of an Alaskan gas pipeline project that is in the best interest of Alaska and the nation.

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 4:43 PM

To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Cc: walt_monegan@dps.state.ak.us; Clark; Christopher G (GOV)

Subject: Tiered Peace Officer Proposal

Dear Governor Palin and Mr. Tibbles,

Commissioner Monegan asked that I send you the attached PowerPoint presentation. He presented this to the Alaska Police Standards Council last week and has plans to present it at AFN, the Senate VPSO Taskforce (SR 7 sponsored by Senator Donald Olson) and at the proposed Criminal Justice Summit held by the Lt. Governor.

Please contact us if we can provide you with any more information or if we can answer any questions.

Thank you,

Lauren Rice
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Tiered Peace Officers

Tier I: Watchman

Tier II: Constable

Tier III: Cop

Current Issues:

- Lack of law enforcement in many communities.
- Varied standards and training requirements.
- Inconsistent criminal investigations.
- Competitive jurisdictions.
- Specter of vicarious liability.

Current Peace Officer Classifications:

- Police officer is the only current, official category. Three levels: basic, intermediate and advanced.
- Additional public safety positions such as Village Police Officer (VPO), Tribal Police Officer (TPO), and Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) operate with varying levels of oversight, training requirements and continuing education.

Current Peace Officer Classifications:

- Current system:
- Indifferent to career growth.
- Fails to provide a uniform level of service.
- Fails to ensure continuing training and competency standards.

Tiered Peace Officer Proposal:

- Authorize the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) by statute to create tiers of peace officers.
- Task APSC to create corresponding training standards and minimum qualifications.

Tiered Peace Officer Proposal:

- Immediate Benefits:
  - Standardizes the selection and training requirements for those tasked with law enforcement and public safety duties.
  - Creates a reliable, uniform level of service, training and competency expected of all law enforcement officials and the communities they serve.
  - Offers options for communities in accordance with their needs and means.

Tier One – Peace Officer I:

- Officers charged with keeping public order.
- Officers charged with and trained for enforcement of community violations, detention of individuals, recognition and protection of a crime scene and evidence, conduction of search and rescue operations and fire safe training.
- Training and authorization will not include the conduction of criminal investigations and arrests.
- Examples include current VPOs and TPOs, with duties equating to security officers.

Tier Two – Peace Officer II:

- Officers charged with higher levels of training and authority.
- Officers charged with and trained for enforcement of community violations, ordinances, and misdemeanor statutes, misdemeanor arrests, investigation of misdemeanor crime scenes and recognition and protection of felony crime scenes, organization and conduction of search and rescue operations and fire safe training and operations.
- Examples include current VPSOs, with duties of limited law enforcement agents.

Tier Three – Peace Officer III:

- Officers charged with the highest levels of training and authority.
- Officers currently described in APSC statutes.
- Examples include Alaska State Troopers, Wildlife Troopers, and municipal police officers.

Purposes and Justification: Standards.

- Establishes necessary training and competency standards for public safety service.
- Provides officer guidelines for municipalities, villages and other entities to utilize during the hiring and selection of public safety agents.
- Lack of standards risks the potential perspective and/or claims of disparate treatment and protection of citizens.

Purposes and Justification: Expanded Law Enforcement Options for Rural Areas.

- Adoption of tiers allows smaller and remote communities <u>on the state's road system</u> to hire a Peace Officer I or II.
- Current VPSO statute does not allow for this opportunity.
- Selection from a variety of peace officer tiers provides a community options appropriate to their specific needs and financial resources.

Purposes and Justification: Diversified and Efficient Workforces in Urban Centers.

- Provides for a blended law enforcement workforce equipped to handle the many and varied issues communities face.
- Exampled by supplementing Tier Three Officers with Tier Two officers to address parking and traffic complaints, ordinance violations, and specific misdemeanor criminal activity.

Purposes and Justification: Record Repositories and Career Opportunities.

- APSC currently reviews, approves and retains training records necessary for police certifications.
- Adoption of tiers would require the documentation and verification of completed training for all law enforcement officials. This allows individuals to build upon their existing training towards a higher tier and expanded career opportunities.

Potential Questions and Issues to Discuss:

- Existing Department of Public Safety and APSC statutory authorities and responsibilities.
- Tribal authority and support.
- Increase workload and responsibility for APSC.
- Responsibility and payment schemes for training.
- Labor union reactions.
- Potential surge of community requests for law enforcement.
- State employees v. non-profit employees.
- Ensuring that standards are not lowered as we seek to hire more law enforcement.

Summary:

- Creation of police tiers:
- Standardizes training requirements.
- Streamlines the career ladder for law enforcement agents.
- Provides varied public safety officials to meet the financial and logistical needs of communities.

Conclusion:

- Current system is failing to meet the law enforcement needs of the state.
- Alaska requires varied law enforcement to meet regional needs.
- Career progression and advancement is essential to law enforcement retention.
- Tiered police standards provide an additional tool as we seek to protect the residents of Alaska.

Tier I: Watchman

Tier II: Constable

Tier III: Cop

Questions and Comments

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